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EASTERN STATES.

DENVER, Dec. 18.—Last Saturday Mary Kofford called on Dr. Rose, a prominent dentist of Leadville, and made the startling request that he furnish her with poison which could not be detected by autopsy. She offered \$300 as compensation, reluctantly admitting that she wished to get rid of her husband, Hans Kofford, in order that her husband's brother, of whom she was enamored, and herself might together enjoy the insurance of \$5500 which her husband carried. After making an appointment to meet both at his office last evening, the Doctor arranged with the police and several interested insurance men to be present, but concealed them. At the interview the whole diabolical plan was made known, and immediately the parties were arrested and jailed. They are all Danish. The youngest brother is 60 years of age and the woman 55.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Secretary Chandler has received the following from Minister Hunt at St. Petersburg: "Harber telegraphs from Irkutsk to-day. Arrived from Yakutsk in nineteen days. Military honors were paid the bodies of DeLong and party, on the departure from Yakutsk. The bodies have been received here by the city authorities and the geographical society of east Siberia, and are now lying in the catafalque of the public square, to leave Friday."

New York, Dec. 17.—The Mail and Express says: The proprietors of the Windsor hotel have requested George W. Dunn and wife to seek quarters elsewhere. Several of the best patrons of the house gave notice last week that if the Dunns were not put out they would leave. It is expected the people will go from the hotel this afternoon, but they have not thus far succeeded in finding suitable private rooms. A theory that Miss Keiser's death was not simply suicide is gaining ground, although there is apparently little to support the view beyond the discovery of an abrasion on the girl's hand, which the coroner's deputy overlooked in the post mortem examination.

Tucson, A.T., Dec. 18.—Louis Juno, a Frenchman, 76 years of age, attempted suicide this p.m. at five o'clock, by shooting himself with a revolver in the lower jaw, the ball penetrating his head and lodging near the left eye. He is still alive, but his recovery is doubtful. He had been gambling and lost money and could not pay his bill at the lodging house. Juno went to San Francisco in '49, and was at one time very wealthy but lost his fortune by the crash of 1873, and the subsequent failure of two San Francisco banks.

LEADING LONDON TOPICS.

Political, Social and Court Gossip of the Old World.

New York, Dec. 9.—The Sun's London cable special says: The prospects for peace on the Continent are once more bright. Two things are held to prove conclusively that Russia won't fight, first, an emphatic assurance to that effect by the Emperor of Germany, and, second, the enormous eagerness of the German public to invest in the new Russian loan. Meanwhile, letters written in their own blood by nihilist prisoners trickle into the newspapers and give horrible and heart-rending accounts of their treatment.

Information of the situation in Egypt is not yet clear. Baker Pasha has been sent toward Suakin, in spite of his earnest protest, and his gendarmes are said to have ceased deserting. The Egyptian government has cut off every chance of active English support in reconquering Sudan by employing Seebacher Pasha, the most notorious slave dealer in Egypt, who, after six years' imprisonment in Cairo, is trotted out as a counter attraction to El Mahdi.

The Portuguese papers write against the Queen, Prince of Wales and English society generally, for neglecting the Crown Prince, allowing him to go to a hotel and not giving him a single reception or ball.

The engagement is announced of the dowager Duchess of Marlborough to Mr. Currie, an attaché of the Foreign Office.

"Ouida," writing to the Times, denies that she has been converted to the Catholic religion. She says that she has met Mons. Capel, whom she found to be a most agreeable person, but he never even mentioned theology to her, she never even heard him preach.

A number of visits recently made by ex-Empress Eugenie to Rouher arose from her desire to obtain certain pri-

vate papers that the Empress had confided to that gentleman when he left Paris for Sedan. Mme. Rouher admits that she gave these papers to M. Rouher's secretary, and that some of them are lost. Eugenie is anxious to obtain a full set of the documents. The Empress of Austria is suffering with a severe attack of sciatica.

Japan.

Great reforms are to be effected by the end of the present year. Privy Counsellors have recently held a meeting to discuss the questions.

The government has sanctioned the construction of a railway on the Nakasendo route, and announced the grant of a subsidy of yen 500,000. The public works department will carry out the work.

The proprietor, publisher and editor of the *Shonai Shinbun* have each been sentenced to one month's imprisonment and a fine.

The publication of the *Jiji Shimpō* was suspended by order of the Metropolitan Police Board on the 31st ultimo. The cause of the suspension is probably an article headed, "Japan ignored by foreign countries, with the causes, domestic and foreign," published on Thursday last. The writer laments that Japan's foreign condition is insignificant, and that the revival of old customs obstructs her progress. He concluded by expressing a hope that the necessary steps would be taken to avoid impending calamities.

His Majesty the Mikado, being pleased with the establishment of a German school in Tokio, has announced his willingness to grant an annual subsidy of yen 2,400 for the next ten years.

Eight thousand stand of Murata rifles are being made in the arsenal.

China.

There have been many Chinese failures at Tientsin and Hongkong, resulting from mining-share speculations. The Kaiping Mining Company, one of the most important, having stock on the market, is reported as having failed.

Advices from Vladivostok, on the coast of Siberia, dated October 20th, say:

"The Otome, British schooner, has been taken as a prize by Russian authorities, with a blood-thirsty gang of British and Japanese 'pirates' (1) on board.

Mr. Snow, the head 'pirate,' and owner of the Otome is out on bail (\$2,500).

It is said that the Otome will be confiscated, and Mr. Snow and his crew banished to Siberia. Mr. Snow himself does not seem to take quite so desperate a view of the matter."

The *Overland China Mail* of November 13th notes the arrival at Singapore of two French transports with 1,952 including 952 Algerian sharpshooters for Tonquin to reinforce the troops already there.

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As an oasis in the desert is no brighter light to the wandering Arab than a bottle of Dr. Van Buren's Kidney Cure is to the unfortunate sufferer from Kidney Disease. It is a perfect, positive and permanent cure.

As should always command respect, in the case of Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry it certainly does; for 25 years that has been the standard remedy with the people for Cholera Morbus, Dysentery, Diarrhoea, Colic and all Bowel Complaints than Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry. (35)

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Simply miraculous is all I can say of the effect of Dr. Van Buren's Kidney Cure in my case. An elderly lady writes this from Antigonish, N.S., who had suffered from pain in the back for twenty years.

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J. E. KENNEDY, dispensing chemist Cohour, says that no blood purifier that he has ever handled has had such a large sale as Burdock Blood Bitters, and adds, "In no case have I heard a customer say ought but words of praise for its remedial qualities." (31)

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NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE THIS DAY ENTERED PARTNERSHIP with the firm of NUTTALL & MASON, as Real Estate and General Agents, in the office next door to Hall & Cooper, (late Colonial building), and are prepared to buy and sell Real Estate on Commission, Collect Rents, Loan Money, etc., etc. R. NUTTALL, W. H. MASON.

MR. R. NUTTALL'S extensive knowledge of the country and the great experience he has gained in his various departments of the different sections of the Island and Mainland; and Mr. W. H. MASON having just relinquished his appointment in the law office of Messrs. Drake & Jackson, where he has held the responsible position of Accountant, Cashier, &c., for the past six years, will be sufficient guarantee of their capability and integrity in dealing with all real estate and financial business entrusted to them, and to give every information to intending settlers and investors. N. B.—A complete set of maps. de2

BY-LAW.

TO REGULATE THE ELECTION OF A MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS FOR THE CITY OF VICTORIA FOR THE YEAR 1884.

WHEREAS IT IS EXPEDIENT TO make provision for the Election of a Mayor and Municipal Councillors for the City of Victoria for the year 1884.

And whereas in pursuance of the Act passed 12th May, 1883, intituled an Act to amend the "Municipality Act, 1881," the Municipal Council of the City of Victoria passed a unanimous resolution increasing the number of Councillors to nine, exclusive of the Mayor, namely, three Councillors for Johnson Street Ward, three Councillors for Yates Street Ward, and three Councillors for James Bay Ward.

Be it enacted by the Mayor and Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria as follows:

1. The nomination of Candidates for the respective offices of Mayor and Councillors of the City of Victoria shall take place at the City Council Chambers, Douglas street.

2. In case a poll shall be duly demanded at the Election of Mayor the vote of the Electors shall be taken by Ballot at the City Council Chambers aforesaid.

3. In case a poll shall be demanded at the Election of Councillors for any Ward in this City, the vote of the Electors entitled to vote in such Ward shall be taken at the following places, that is to say: In Johnson Street Ward, the City Council Chambers.

In Yates Street Ward, the Police Barracks, Bastion Street.

In James Bay Ward, the old Council Chambers, at the corner of Government and Broughton streets.

The nomination shall be held on the second Monday in January, 1884, from 12 o'clock noon to 2 o'clock p.m., and the polling, if any, on the Thursday following from 10 o'clock a.m. to 4 o'clock p.m.

Sections 67 and 68 of the By-law known as the Municipal Elections Regulation and Ballot Act, 1875, and the schedules thereto so far as the same are applicable shall be read with and form part of this By-law.

This By-law may be cited as The Municipal Elections By-law, 1884.

Passed the Municipal Council the 28th day of November, A. D., 1883.

Reconsidered and finally passed this 12th day of December, A. D., 1883.

CHAS. E. REDFERN, Mayor. Wm. LEIGH, C.M.O. de15

TENDERS.

NOTICE.

TO ROAD CONTRACTORS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, IN consequence of the impossibility of favorably considering any of the bids which were opened on the 6th inst., for the construction of a road to be extended between New Westminster and Granville, via False Creek Trail, the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works invites fresh tenders for the same work, to be received up to noon of Monday, the 7th January next.

Specifications can be seen and forms for tender and bond obtained as before.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

W. M. SMITHE, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

Lands and Works Dept., Victoria, B.C., 12th Dec., 1883. de14td

TENDERS.

FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE UNDERTAKING LANDS will be received up to

NOON ON THE 31st DAY OF DEC., 1883.

CITY OF VICTORIA.

LOTS 872, 874 AND 875.

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ST. JOSEPH'S MISSION, situated about one mile from the Town of Esquimalt, on the Road to Victoria containing 3 a., 2 r. and 33 p., or thereabouts, and BUILDINGS thereon.

KANAKA RANCH, nearly all Lot 29, containing about 9 acres.

Parties tendering are requested to state HIGHEST CASH TENDER.

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Victoria, 10th Dec., 1883. de11

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the matter of the Enterprise Gold and Silver Mining Company, Limited;

AND

In the matter of an Act passed in the 4th year of Her Majesty's Reign, chapter 23;

AND

In the matter of the Companies Act, 1862;

AND

In the matter of the Governor and Company of Adventurers of England, trading into Hudson's Bay.

TENDERS WILL BE RECEIVED UP TO NOON

of the Third day of January, A. D., 1884, addressed to the Registrar of the Supreme Court, Victoria, endorsed "Tender for the Purchase of the Milling Machinery of the Enterprise Gold and Silver Mining Company, a whole of the Milling Machinery of the Enterprise Gold and Silver Mining Company, now lying at Barkerville, British Columbia. This Machinery is in good order.

On application to the undersigned or to Mr. J. B. Naon, of Barkerville, an inventory of the property offered for sale may be inspected.

A marked cheque for 25 per cent. of the amount tendered must accompany each tender.

Approved endorsed notes at 20, 50 and 90 days, of equal amounts, will be received in payment of the balance of the purchase money, if tender accepted.

All Tenders subject to the confirmation of the Court.

J. C. BATES, Official Liquidator.

Dated Victoria, 16th Nov., 1883. de15

WANTED.

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A WOMAN TO COOK AND DO GENERAL HOUSEWORK. Address "W. H. D.," The Colonist office. de15 1w

WANTED.

A NURSE GIRL.

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IF THIS SHOULD MEET THE EYE

OF HENRY CHARLES DAVIS, WHO WAS once clerk on the Great Northern Railway, King's Cross, London, and whose place of birth is Portsmouth, England, he will learn that his brother, Thomas Davis, is in this country and is very anxious to see him. Address Royal Hotel, Victoria, B.C. de15 1w

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A STEWARD FOR THE ROYAL COLUMBIAN Hospital, New Westminster. Salary, \$35 per month. Satisfactory references to be sent with applications. Applications to be sent to the undersigned on or before FRIDAY, the 14th inst. Service required to commence on Saturday, 15th inst. W. H. KEARY, Sec. to Board Directors. New Westminster, Dec. 1st, 1883. de2

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A SMALL FURNISHED HOUSE OR PRIVATE Lodgings near town for about five months.

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CORNER FORT AND BROAD STREETS. de27 1j1

NOTICE.

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Any parties retaining the same after this notice will be proceeded against according to law.

J. G. HOLMES, Lt. Col. C. A., de5

Victoria, B.C., Dec. 4th, 1883.

SPENCER & HASTINGS,

LANDSCAPE & PORTRAIT

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FORT STREET.

NEWS TELEGRAMS.

THE COLONIST is the only Newspaper Published in British Columbia that receives Telegraphic Dispatches. Its value as an Advertising Medium is therefore apparent.

FEMALE SUFFRAGE.

The question of female suffrage which has been agitated in so many countries of late years was introduced into the House of Assembly yesterday by Mr. Drake, president of the council. In speaking to a motion of Mr. Beaven's the hon. gentleman proposed the insertion in the act of a clause entitling women to vote for candidates for the legislature. Although the amendment was so unexpected that its suddenness electrified some of the hon. members, who deprecated too hasty action in the matter; and although no decided views were expressed by them, still the general tone of the discussion left the impression that the proposed innovation will not be unfavorably received. For our own part we have long been of opinion that women have an equal right with men to exercise the franchise and have a voice in the government of the land in which they live. Fifty years ago to have advanced this proposition would have caused the person so doing to be pitifully regarded as a crank, and its revival but twenty-five years ago called forth general ridicule from the public who viewed the idea as absurd and visionary. Beaten for a time, sometimes advancing and again falling back baffled, the proposition has yet steadily gained ground, losing advocates to find still stronger ones, until the agitation of the subject became sufficiently great to cause the possibility of adoption to be seriously discussed by some of the greatest political economists of the day. England herself is so essentially conservative that the justice of the claim and possible beneficial results were lost sight of in natural horror of such a sweeping reform. The law of progression has to a great extent overcome this failing and, imbued with more liberal ideas, the present generation views the claims of woman to equal rights if not with enthusiasm, at least with far more favor than formerly, while active opposition has been reduced to a minimum, the latter in fact being a most significant sign.

The changes effected by the extension of the right of franchise to the females will be so great as to preclude any certainty in anticipation of the result, which, however, cannot, in the main, fail to be beneficial. Given that a man has a right to vote and that he exercises that right intelligently by supporting those best calculated to advance the prosperity of the country and thereby directly benefiting himself, why should he refuse to extend to his helpmate and his dearest relations and friends whom he would lay down his life to protect—that which he unhesitatingly accords to his fellowmen, strangers to him, with diverse interests and with whom so often he has nothing in common? Is it not natural and just that his wife, daughter, mother or sister should have a controlling power, however slight it may be, in the laws of the land that may make or mar the prosperity of a brother, husband or son? Looking at the question from another point of view, many a woman is forced by circumstances to gain her own subsistence and while being compelled to accept the disadvantages of man's lot, which is to work, is yet under existing laws deprived of one of his most cherished rights—a right, moreover, which he has so jealously guarded that he has been blinded to the equal claim of the softer sex. Wherever good women are, soft and ennobling influences accompany them which are felt and appreciated for the good effects that follow in their train. The accusation that women are guided too much by sentiment cannot be said to have been fully proved, and were such the case with experience aided by the hard common sense of others, time would rectify this. The right would be exercised only in conjunction with those of the sterner sex and the result would be what a harmonious combination of the sexes has always produced humanizing, refining and consequently superior progress. At the approaching session of the Ottawa parliament Sir John Macdonald's election bill, introduced last session, which extends to women the right of franchise, will be considered and, we trust, passed. It would be a great source of satisfaction if it would be said of the local representatives of the Pacific province that they were the first parliament under British rule that gave to women a right that had been for ages unjustly withheld.

THE MUNICIPALITY ACT.

The danger which we pointed out yesterday has been remedied. Mr. T. Davis, the promoter of the measure, moved it back into committee when amendments were made which will render impossible the "stiffing" process at the January election. It would have been matter for serious regret if the controlling element at the election should have been strangers at \$2 per head.

THE BLACK COD.

JUDGE SWAN'S GREAT FIND AT QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S. Pronounced of Great Value by the U. S. Fish Commission.

PORT TOWNSEND, Dec. 18.

TO THE EDITOR:—I found on arriving here this morning a letter from Professor Spencer F. Baird, U. S. Fish Commissioner, relative to the black cod. The opinion of the fish experts of Boston is of great value and the endorsement of the United States fish commissioner places the black cod as one of the finest of food fishes. I send you for publication a copy of Prof. Baird's letter. The emphatic endorsement of the U. S. Fish Commissioner, and the Boston Fish Bureau places the black cod at the head of the list of our food fishes and this, together with the endorsement of the "Victoria Press" as heretofore published, should stimulate and encourage parties to engage in this new enterprise of catching and preparing these fish for a market.

The opinion of the Boston Fish Bureau

seems to be that, smoked or kippered, the black cod are a great delicacy. JAMES G. SWAN.

U. S. COMMISSION OF FISH AND FISHERIES, WASHINGTON, Dec. 5, 1883.

DEAR MR. SWAN:—I am now able to report to you the views of Eastern experts and fish dealers on the black cod of which you sent us four cases.

I sent one box to Mr. Wilson, of the Boston Fish Bureau, in Boston, who gives the opinion of the veteran dealers, the Swans, Snows, Starbuck's, Mayo's, and other well known names. Mr. Wilson had some of them smoked, of which he sent me a sample, and there is but one opinion as to their very superior excellence. They are considered as coming next to the salmon, and are superior to halibut in being more tender and delicate. I should think a very expensive trash might be established.

I would now like you to prepare for me as full an article as you can in regard to this fish, repeating in systematic order what you heretofore said as to the geographical distribution, dimension of the fish, general characteristics, etc. We want to know where it is caught, at what season of the year, at what depth, in what quantities, by what bait, and the use made of it by the Indians and whites, and everything else regarding this valuable fish that you can think of. Your report will be published either in the Fish Commission report or its bulletin accompanied by a suitable figure.

Yours truly,

S. F. BAIRD, J. G. Swan, Esq., Port Townsend, W. T.

Municipal Council.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 19.

The usual weekly meeting of the council was held last night at the city hall, his worship the mayor in the chair.

Present: Couns. Kinsman, Vigelius, Wriglesworth and Shears.

From residents on John street complaining of the state of the street and asking that a sidewalk be laid.

Referred to street committee.

From Dr. G. L. Milne asking permission to plant trees opposite his lot.

Granted.

From several wharf street merchants calling attention to the almost impassable condition of Wharf street opposite their places of business.

Coun. Shears said large quantities of gravel had lately been laid on this part of the street. It should have been macadamized. He should oppose any further outlay at present and thought that the best thing to do at the present time was to clean the street.

Coun. Kinsman said it was not possible to clean that part of the street on which gravel had been laid. Only metal roads could be advantageously scraped.

Coun. Shears moved that the communication be received and filed, the petitioners to be informed the council were unable to take any action this year. Carried.

From a committee of citizens soliciting subscriptions towards the regatta proposed to be given on the arrival of Hanlan and Lee the carmen.

Received and filed. No funds at council's disposal.

From S. Gray calling attention to the state of John street.

Referred to street committee.

From property holders on Yates street protesting against the permanent fixture of the engine used to generate the electric light, adding that it prevented them from sleeping at night and would tend to depreciate the value of property in the vicinity.

Referred to electric light committee.

The question as to the advisability of appointing an extra night watchman or one or more police officers was disposed of by Coun. Shears moving that a police officer be appointed and a ballot taken.

Coun. Wriglesworth moved in amendment that two special constables be appointed for the month by the superintendent. Carried.

ELECTION OF RETURNING OFFICERS. The following persons were elected:—W. K. Bull, returning officer.

W. C. Robinson, J. Winger, W. H. Brooks, W. H. Edman, deputy returning officers.

A. A. Townsend, poll clerk.

The engagement of other officers was left with Mr. W. K. Bull.

Coun. Wriglesworth moved that the mayor be authorized to make the donations usually given by the council every Christmas to charitable institutions. Carried.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT. Recommended that Mr. McKie's application of last week be granted on condition that the wires be hung not less than 35 feet from the ground. The report was received and recommendation adopted.

AMENDMENT TO BUILDING BY-LAW. The second reading was laid over for one week.

Coun. Shears moved that the Building Inspector be instructed to rigorously enforce the provisions of the Fire Limits by-law and to take legal measures against any person infringing the said by-law. Carried.

ADOPTION OF THE ELECTRIC LIGHT. Coun. Wriglesworth moved that the council adjourn till Friday at 6:30 a.m., when the consideration of the above question would be taken up. Carried.

The Wise Heads of the Land. Are at present assembled devising laws and passing measures designed for the people's good, and so it is with other knowing and wise ones who every day go crowding through the door buying their airy, fairy Xmas presents in Toilet Caskets, Odor Cases, Mirrors, Ladies' Companions, Albums, etc., etc., all in plush and in all colors; Sure to suit all tastes and fancies. Then — but why further enumerate the delightful things to be found at this Holiday Trade Centre? We show the best windows on Government street. Don't fail to come and gaze on them, then — step in and buy. You will find us willing and anxious to make your visit a mutual success. M. W. Wait & Co. are bound to do the Holiday Trade of 1883-84 in this city and don't forget it. It is only 10 days till Xmas.

The Wonderful Hat.

The other day a man came into town. A man who says that he is a "Wonderful Hat." He says that in the bush the other day he found, when 'twas too late, he'd lost his way; That striking out, haphazard, and keeping to the left he reached the place he started from, Of his senses near bereft. "Was then he stopped and knelt—to pray? Did he kneel not for that? But to inspect the compass in the lining of his hat. Still looking in his hat he took his bearings as he strode. And safely merged at last upon the well-kept level road. He mopped the perspiration that his efforts had And said, "God bless the needle that pointed to the north! And bless the man who sold it me; My duty 'tis to tell, My compass hat I purchased at the famous I. X. L."

Box Bona.—Fell & Co., Fort street.

BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

EXCLUSIVE DISPATCHES TO THE COLONIST.

LAST NIGHT'S DISPATCHES.

Debate in the French Chamber.

EUROPE.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Gladstone was attended by policemen while at prayers today in Hawarden church.

VIENNA, Dec. 19.—In frequent skirmishes recently between Austrian troops and marauding bands the former suffered serious losses. It is feared one company of Austrians were surprised and massacred.

ROME, Dec. 19.—A newspaper asserts that the German Crown Prince manifested great sympathy with the elevated language of the Pope upon the Austrian religion and morality. The prince offered no reply and it is not believed negotiations were opened.

La Liberté trusts that the significance given the visit by the Moniteur de Rome the papal organ, will be disavowed in Berlin.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 19.—It is reported that El Mahdi is moving in west- only direction from El Obeldi.

EDINBURGH, Dec. 19.—At the trial today of McDermott and others for complicity in the dynamite outrages at Glasgow, Dr. Dupree testified that the materials in the box seized at Liverpool were similar to those found in the box exploded at Canal bridge, Glasgow.

Wm. Lammie, who testified in Dublin against his brother-in-law, Poole, who was executed yesterday, explained the Fonian oath and the object of the organization.

BERLIN, Dec. 19.—The emperor and empress gave audience yesterday to Cardinal Von Hohenlohe.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—Prime Minister Ferry in replying to Lockroy, who criticised the government's Tonquin policy, said: "The real question at issue was decided by the chamber's vote of consequence on the 10th inst. Reinforcements which it is proposed to send to Tonquin are calculated to insure a termination of the Tonquin expedition within a given time and give France satisfaction."

Ferry continued: "No fresh expedition is to be sent to Hue because we are already there."

Admiral Courbet has gone to Sontag. It is necessary to place confidence in the ministry and allow it to conduct its operations with all necessary secrecy, otherwise the house would have to choose another government. Lockroy replied to Ferry, and Granet opposed the credit declaring it impossible to suppose a government which made the principle of equivocation and not of loyalty to declare its object. Several clauses of the bill were adopted and subsequently the entire bill was adopted.

EASTERN STATES. WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The board of army officers will meet here next Thursday to prepare plans for sending an expedition to relieve Greeley and his companions.

SECOND DISPATCH. MANITOBA'S GRIEVANCES.

THE CROWN PRINCE IN ITALY.

CANADA. WINNIPEG, Dec. 19.—A farmers' meeting opened this morning. Delegates from all parts of the province submitted their credentials and expressed the views of the meetings which they represented. A committee was appointed to draw the constitution resolutions. Some delegates advocated measures to force the federal government to recognize the rights of Manitoba, urging in the event of a failure the withdrawal of the province from confederation. The introduction of politics into the movement is generally condemned. From the feeling it was evident that is in favor of all legitimate efforts to secure the redress of their grievances. At the evening session a discussion commenced and is now going on and will be continued to-morrow, after which the resolutions as amended will be adopted and the organization named "The Manitoba and Northwest Farmers' Union."

EUROPE. ROME, Dec. 19.—At a review to-day the troops were drawn up in four lines upon the meadows outside the Palace del Apollo. The crown prince and king, attended by brilliant staffs, were saluted by the troops on arriving. The bands played the Italian and Prussian national anthems. The march past occupied one hour and was witnessed by an immense multitude of spectators who repeatedly cheered the king and prince.

PARIS, Dec. 19.—The Catholic Journal prints a telegram from Rome saying that when the German crown prince arrived, after interviewing the pope, the latter wishing to preserve the exact sense of the conversation dictated to his secretary a summary of the same.

Lighthouse in British Columbia. The department received a letter from Mr. Trutch, agent of the Government for British Columbia, respecting the large lighthouse being constructed on North Sands head on the Fraser river. This lighthouse is being built out on the sands, and is so constructed that it can all be uncrewed and erected in another place. The reason for this is the uncertain character of the sandy foundation, and the fact that the channel outlet of the Fraser river has been steadily for this last two years shifting further southward away from the spot where the lighthouse is in course of construction. Mr. Trutch, gives an interesting account of the mechanical appliances brought into use to secure a firm foundation, and incidentally gives a good illustration of the difficulties encountered by the department in its effort to light the coasts and rivers of this Canada of ours.—Toronto Mail, Ottawa Cor. Dec. 8.

KICKING HORSE PASS.—The railway syndicate. The Settlement Bill. The Island Railway. The Graving Dock—and—sitch—For these knotty points provision is made whether under the auspices of the government engineers or contractors, individually or collectively, to daily record the progress of these various schemes and enterprises, in all their purity of motives, by utilizing Lett's and other publishers Dairies for 1884 in their different gradations to be found at T. N. HIBBEN & Co.'s.

Eastern Canada Mail.

(Per Northern Pacific Railway.)

WINNIPEG, Dec. 7.—Mr. E. G. Conklin, M.P. P., who has been ill for a long time, is reported to be in a very critical condition. He has what is technically known as aneurism, or enlargement of the artery.

TORONTO, Dec. 7.—The Globe's Ottawa correspondent says that Judge Miller states that the Ontario Government has agreed to refer the whole boundary dispute to the Privy Council. Mr. Miller is now in Ottawa, conferring with the Dominion Government on the subject.

MONTREAL, Dec. 8.—At the meeting yesterday of the Exchange Bank shareholders, Henry Blumer E. J. Barbereau and Thos. Darling, were appointed an ordinary committee to aid the liquidators.

Duncan Smith, a young man of 25 years, died at his home in Toronto on Sunday, from injuries received a little time ago in a football match.

One of Montreal's richest heiresses, Miss Henrietta Mackay Gordon, the adopted daughter and niece of the late Joseph and Edward Mackay, who made great fortunes in the dry-goods business, died suddenly last night from consumption. Joseph Mackay built a splendid asylum for the deaf mutes, and his brother endowed it in his lifetime, and also bequeathed it a large sum before his demise.

OTTAWA, Dec. 8.—The Governor-General has granted a commutation of the sentence of death passed on Greenwood and Harding for the murder of the old man named Maher at Sandwich last spring to imprisonment for life. Greenwood, who recently escaped from Sandwich jail, is still at large.

DANVILLE, P.Q., Dec. 8.—J. L. Goodhue, of the belt manufacturing firm of this place, committed suicide on Thursday night while temporarily insane, by shooting himself.

COAL AND WOOD.—Go to the City Coal Yard for best Wellington coal. Wharf—Dickson, Campbell & Co.'s. Office—opposite the American Hotel, Yates street. Good dry wood always on hand. W. WALKER. * 3m

CHRISTMAS PLUM PUDDINGS.—Fell & Co., Fort street.

IMPORTED Burton-on-Trent XXX Ale on draught at Occidental Hotel. 3m

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. WANTED. A YOUNG GIRL TO ASSIST IN GENERAL HOUSEWORK. Apply at this office. de20

WANTED. SERVANT WANTED AT THE B. C. PROTESTANT ORPHANAGE. Apply to Mrs. CRIDGE, James Bay. de20

HOLIDAY GOODS. JUST RECEIVED—ELECTRO PLATEDWARE in Sets and Pieces, Ladies' and Gentlemen's Traveling Companions, Purse, Pocketbooks, etc. FINEST BRANDS OF TABLE AND POCKET CUTLERY. de20 2w H. SHORT, Fort Street.

LONDON THEATRE. C. B. FARLEMAN, SOLE PROPRIETOR. C. J. MILLER, STAGE MANAGER.

THE JAMES BOYS. Will be produced THURSDAY AND FRIDAY EVENGS, DEC 20 & 21. Prices as usual. Reserved seats at T. N. Hibben & Co.'s bookstore. de20

THEY HAVE ARRIVED! And will be out of Quarantine Jan. 2nd, 1884. 22 THOROUGHBRED BULLS, 10 TO 26 MOS. OLD, 18 " HEIFERS IN CALF, 24 TO 30. PURE ENGLISH

HEREFORD CATTLE, THE GREATEST STOCK IN THE WORLD. I will deliver stock on board ship here, in San Francisco, at from \$175 to \$200 each, cash, with feed for the trip to Victoria gratis. —ALSO— 2 Rams and 8 Ewes (2 teat) PURE SELECTED

LEICESTERSHIRE SHEEP. Ewes are in Lamb, and all stock are choice selected. Price of the 10 sheep \$700; or half for \$375. ROLLIN P. SAGE, Importer, 218 California st., San Francisco. de20dw

KIRKMAN PIANOFORTES. ROBERT WARD & CO., SOLE AGENTS FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA, have placed a shipment of fine iron frame Overstrung Instruments for sale at the Musical Ware-rooms of J. P. DAVIES & CO., The Colonial Build- ing. de15

J. & A. BOSKOWITZ, JOHNSON ST., NEAR WHARF, HIGHEST CASH PRICES PAID FOR FURS AND DEER SAINS. at 2m

HOLIDAY AUCTION SALE. MEN'S & BOYS' CLOTHING, FANCY GOODS, GROCERIES, FURNITURE, STOVES, Etc.

I AM INSTRUCTED TO SELL AT SALESROOM, Yates street, On Friday, 21st December, AT 11 O'CLOCK, A. M. A Large Assortment of GENERAL MERCHANDISE

Consisting of Hats and Caps, Shirts and Underwear, Collars and Cuffs, Neckwear, Dressing Gowns, etc., etc. Raisins, Prunes, Macaroni, Vermicelli, Fancy Goods, Jewellery, etc., etc. —ALSO— Furniture, Mattresses, Blankets, Stoves, Crockery, and an endless variety of goods suitable for the Holidays. W. R. CLARKE, Auctioneer. de16

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

TURNER, BEETON & CO.

GENERAL MERCHANTS

HAVE RECEIVED

LARGE CONSIGNMENTS BY RECENT ARRIVALS.

AGENTS FOR

CHAMPAGNE VINEYARD CO., Bar- bezieux, France. Fine Brandy in case or bulk.

WM. JAMESON & CO., Dublin. Old Irish Whiskey.

LAMONT & CO., Glasgow. Ferintosh Scotch Whiskey.

HIRAM WALKER & SONS, Walker ville, Ontario. Canadian Whiskey.

BOORD & SONS, London. Old Tom, Cherry Brandy, Ginger Bran- dy, Curacao, Creme de Noyeau.

DEUTZ & GELDERMAN, Ay, France. Champagne and Moselle.

G. PRELLER & CO., Bordeaux. Williams, Engelbach, Cadiz, Sherries.

COUSINS & CO., Oporto. Port in case and bulk.

BISHOP & SON, London. British Wines and Cordials.

J. D. RAWLINGS, London. Ginger Ale.

CORRY & CO., Belfast. Ginger Ale and Soda Water.

M. B. FOSTER & SONS, London. Bass Bottled Ale. Guinness Bottled Stout.

GOODALL, PACKHOUSE & CO., Leeds. Groceries, &c.

FRY & SONS, Bristol. Cocoa and Chocolate.

JOHN HALL & SON, London. Gunpowder and Blasting Powder.

H. SHOREY & CO., Montreal. Clothing; a fine line of samples for Spring 1884, now on view.

J. D. BELL & CO., Montreal. Boots and Shoes.

DUNBAR McMASTERS, Ireland. Salmon Twine.

Turner, Beeton & Co. have also in Stock:

LIVERPOOL SALT, in 112 and 224 lb. bags.

I C Coke and Charcoal TIN PLATE. GRAIN SACKS, &c., &c.

Indents taken for all kinds of European American or Canadian goods.

SANITARY APPLIANCES, &c.

HENRY DOULTON & Co, Lambeth, England, Manufacturers of Glazed Stoneware, Drain Pipes, Street Gut- lies, Junction Blocks, Interceptor Traps, Kitchen Sinks, Urinals, Pa- tent Kitchen Filters, etc., and all descriptions of Sanitary Goods. A large stock of the above recently re- ceived by the agents,

TURNER, BEETON & CO.

DOULTON & CO'S Glazed Ware Radiat- ing Fire Places, Hearth and Fenders, Specimens to be seen at the agents,

TURNER, BEETON & CO.

PATENT PARQUET WOOD FLOOR- ING, by Howard & Co., London. Specimens of this flooring in beautiful designs can be seen at the office of the agents, TURNER, BEETON & CO.

WHARF ST., December 17th, 1881. de15

H. E. CROASDALE, REAL ESTATE AGENT.

LOANS NEGOTIATED, COLLECTIONS MADE, and a General Land Agency Business transac- ted. City Lots and Farming Lands in North and South Sanich, Sooke and New Westminster Dis- tricts for sale. Money to advance on improved lands at very low rates of interest.

OFFICE—Government street, between Fort and Broughton, next door but one to Mr. L. Lowenberg's. de18

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE U. S. Government having approved the Bonds of this Company, it is now ready to

TRANSPORT GOODS IN BOND

— BETWEEN — Canada and British Columbia

A. L. STORES, Ast. Supt. Traffic, Portland. de18

GRAND BALL.

The St. Andrew's and Caledon- ian Society, WILL GIVE A BALL ON THE EVENING OF BURNS' ANNIVERSARY, 25TH JANUARY, 1884.

At the Skating Rink, Fort street. TICKETS, - - - 53 EACH. To be had from the Committee. de18

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

FAR WEST LODGE, NO. 1, B. C. Regular Conventions on each FRIDAY of the month at 8 o'clock, at Forrester's Hall Government street. Sojourning Knights cordially invited. W. B. CHAMBERS, K. of R. 25 de11

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

GUARDIAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,

11 LOMBARD STREET, LONDON.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL..... TWO MILLION NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND POUNDS

TOTAL FUNDS..... TWO MILLION NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND POUNDS

For Insuring Buildings, Merchandise, etc., against Loss or Damage by Fire.

Losses adjusted without reference to Home Office.

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NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE CO.,

61 THREADNEEDLE STREET, LONDON.

FIRE FUND..... ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY THOUSAND POUNDS

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TURNER, BEETON & CO., Agents for the Mainland.

HARTFORD INSURANCE COMPANY,

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT.

ASSETS..... FOUR MILLION FOUR HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS

Losses Adjusted Here.

TURNER, BEETON & CO., Agents.

CHRISTMAS, 1883---NEW YEAR, 1884.

A SPLENDID ASSORTMENT OF

HOLIDAY GOODS!

JUST RECEIVED AT

C. E. REDFERN'S, GOVERNMENT ST.

CONSISTING IN PART OF

THE LATEST NOVELTIES IN SILVER JEWELLERY,

ONLY THIRTY DAYS FROM EUROPE.

ELEGANT DESIGNS IN GOLD BROOCHES, EARRINGS, BRACELETS, RINGS, CHAINS, ETC.,

GOLD AND SILVER WATCHES IN GREAT VARIETY,

NEWEST STYLES IN ELECTRO-PLATE.

SOLID SILVER TABLEWARE, FISH AND DESSERT SETS,

And a variety of other articles specially adapted for Xmas Presents, the whole form- ing the most complete and best assorted stock of Watches, Jewellery and Fancy Goods ever exhibited in Victoria, all of which will be offered at the LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES FOR CASH DURING THE HOLIDAYS.

C. E. REDFERN, GOVERNMENT STREET.

TO ADVERTISERS.

FROM AND AFTER THIS DATE ADVERTISEMENTS exceeding two columns in width, and under one column, will be excluded from THE COLONIST. No Time Contracts for Advertising for a longer period than three months will be made. Existing contracts will be completed. Victoria, Sept. 25, 1883.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ENTERED. Dec. 19.—Str G. E. Starr, Pt Townsend Str Lottie, Rodhe Harbor Str Alexander, Nanaimo.

CLEARED. Dec. 19.—Str G. E. Starr, Pt Townsend Str Lottie, Rodhe Harbor Str Alexander, Nanaimo.

PASSENGERS.

Per str G. E. Starr, from Puget Sound—W. Kelly, W. Boyce, B. Baker, H. A. Wilson, A. E. McCullough, and wife, F. Gilbert, Mrs. E. Irving, Mrs. Wald and child, S. Johns, N. Nichol, Jas. E. Ira, wife and child, J. W. Newell, E. Clements.

Per str YOSEMITE, from New Westminster—Mrs. Irving, Mrs. Ray, Miss Robinson, Irving, Alexander, Harrison, Johnson, Nelson, E. Ferguson, M. Smith, Nelson, Ray, Miller, Koper, Clark, Deacon, Butler, Cameron, Wilson, Kemp, Fraser, McKenzie, Kennedy, Bailey, Gastineau and party and 12 Chinamen.

Per str ENTERPRISE, from Nanaimo—Moore & Boulton's troop of 10 persons, Ryan, Nelson, Birch, Mrs. Williams, Miss Jackson, Miss Gardiner, Mrs. Sinclair, Teague, Westwood, Hamilton, McPherson, E. Mariner, Davies, Caulfield, Crute, Shaw, Rowethan, Beaumont, J. Mahoney, G. B. Ordano, E. Pimbury.

DIED.

At Magazine Island, Esquimalt, on the 18th inst., Mary Ann, the beloved wife of Richard Lowner, aged 55 years (deaths of which papers please copy). The funeral will take place TO-DAY at 2 o'clock from the island, and to the NAVAL Cemetery at 3 o'clock. Friends are invited to attend.

Shocking Accident at New Tacoma.

(Exclusive to The Colonist)

New Tacoma, Dec. 19.

Peter Jansen, a native of Denmark, aged about 35 years, employed as fireman in Hansen & Co.'s mill, Tacoma, met with a horrible death to-day at 5:48 p.m. Jansen went down on the lower floor of the mill to replace a belt that turned the machinery of the sawdust carrier. He did not return and when some one went down to see what had become of him a horrible sight met the man's gaze. The floor walls and beams were covered with blood and pieces of human flesh, and the belt was found entangled in an unsightly mass of flesh, the remains of Jansen. He had evidently been caught by the belt and was literally torn limb from limb. The feet had been torn from the legs and the legs from the body. One arm was entirely gone and the flesh, bone and muscles had been torn away from the body, leaving the internal organs, stomach, liver and heart exposed to view. The shafting that carried the belt had been bent three feet from its horizontal position. The remains were gathered up and covered with a sail cloth preparatory to holding a coroner's inquest to-morrow morning. The unfortunate man leaves a wife and family. The facts were learned by a reporter of the Ledger at a late hour to-night, but he could not ascertain in what manner the man was caught as no one saw the frightful occurrence.

A Youthful Solomon.

"Children," said Mrs. Miggs, solemnly referring to the parlor on Christmas Eve, "Santa Claus is at the door and has handsome presents for each of you, but promises to give the most valuable to the one among you who makes the wisest wish. Sarah Jane chose a doll for herself and a sword for Freddy (who was ill in bed from an overdose of plum pudding) while Nebuchadnezzar, aged 4, with a precocity that was astonishing at his time of life said he believed in having nothing but useful articles and preferred a new suit of clothes, distinctly stipulating that he be purchased at the I. X. L. Store, corner Government and Johnson streets."

A Winnipeg Absconder Arrested.

DENVER, Dec. 14.—Alfred B. Howard, who recently absconded from Winnipeg, Manitoba, with \$15,000 belonging to Wood & Wells of Millbank, Canada, was arrested here to-day. The entire amount of money stolen was recovered. He was stopping at one of the principal hotels under the name of Stewart.

CHRISTMAS GOODS!

A LARGE AND VARIED ASSORTMENT RECEIVED BY SHEARS & PARTRIDGE, LONDON HOUSE.

HANDSOME AND UNIQUE MEMENTOS FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS BUT JUST COME TO LIGHT. OF THEIR KIND, CHARMING IS THE WORD WHEN SEEN. T. N. HIBBEN & Co., Fort street.

HOLIDAY CONFECTIONERY—Fell & Co.'s, Fort street.

YALE.—The Sentinel reports the rain over and the roads drying up. A part of the railway embankment near the powder works is giving away. Judge Elliott has returned from Victoria. Destitute Chinese are sustained by their countrymen; but there is great distress.

PERSONAL.—Mr. A. E. McCullough and wife were among the arrivals by the Geo. E. Starr yesterday. Miss Emma and Dora Spring, daughters of Capt. Wm. Spring of this city, arrived at Portland yesterday morning en route from school, to visit their father who is still very ill.

FINE HOLIDAY GOODS.—Mr. Henry Short, Fort street, has imported beautiful plated ware and cutlery for the holidays. There is no finer or better stock in the city to select from. The goods are all from the best makers and warranted.

A DRISK trade is reported by dealers in fancy goods. One and all say that business is better than at any previous season and that a better class of goods is called for. This is pretty good evidence that times are brightening and money is easier.

DEATH.—Mrs. Dowder, wife of Mr. Richard Dowder, keeper of Magazine Island, Esquimalt harbor, and an estimable wife and mother, died on the 18th inst. and will be buried to-day at the naval cemetery.

FANCY BON BON COSTUMES.—Fell & Co.'s, Fort street.

FIDELITY Corn fed Hams, just in from Cedar Rapids, for sale at Neufelder & Ross.

What Some People Say.

That for best value in Men's Clothing, Furnishing Goods, Trunks, Valises, Carpet Bags, Purses, Umbrellas, Blankets, etc., go to W. G. Cameron's, Mechanics' Store, Johnson street, three doors from Government.

That Kamloops real estate is now on the market, lots at \$20 to \$40 each, for a short time only. Full particulars at office of Innes & Graveley, B. C. Express office, Yates street.

That prosecutions are about being begun against certain ex-militiamen who have not in accordance with Col. Holmes' advertisement returned arms, accoutrements and clothing in their possession. The fine is \$20 or imprisonment.

That the ladies of the Methodist church will give a social in aid of the Protestant Orphan's Home in Temperance Hall, Pandora avenue, on Friday the 28th December, at 8 o'clock. Admission 25 cents including refreshments.

That English papers lament the increasing intemperance of women.

That a Californian is about to open a great poultry ranch near this city.

That the O. P. N. Co.'s new office will be one of the handsomest buildings in the city.

That R. D. Brown's last letter on the circulation question has settled our esteemed contemporary. With a proved circulation of ninety Colonists to six Standards at New Westminster, what can the poor man say!

That 1,000 pounds delicious fresh Elgin Creamery Butter just arrived for sale at Neufelder & Ross'. Fifty cents a pound.

That if you want a Table Lamp, Langley & Co. are closing out their stock at very low rates.

That K. C. Miller's, Fort street, is the place for wools and fancy goods.

That before buying Christmas presents inspect J. Sommer's stock of pictures, frames, etc., Government street, below Parker's.

That K. C. Miller is sole agent for the Universal Fashion Co.'s perfect fitting patterns.

That attention is directed to the advertisement of Messrs. Nuttall & Mason, real estate agents, brokers and conveyancers, late Colonist building, Government street.

That Innes & Graveley have for sale some very cheap and beautifully located building lots within twelve minutes' walk of P. O. Terms to suit purchasers. These lots are a bargain. Office B. C. Express buildings, Yates street.

That C. D. Rand, Real Estate Broker opposite postoffice, New Westminster, has large lots of town lots at Port Moody and New Westminster, and is prepared to transact business to perfect satisfaction. Parties visiting the mainland will do well to see him.

That the Columbian says that the Port Moody Gazette is a fraud from beginning to end, being merely a reprint of the Guardian with a changed heading and is completely devoid of merit and thoroughly unreliable.

That the house has adjourned till Jan. 7th, 1884. The members can be spared to repose on their laurels during the holiday season. They have restored peaceful relations with Canada and approved of a policy which is lifting the country from a condition of despair and poverty to one of contentment and riches. Go, honorable gentlemen, to your merry-making. May your Christmas turkeys be tender and toothsome, your puddings palatable, your consciences as clear as your political characters are unimpeachable and your digressions above suspicion.

That the Hon. Mr. Drake took a bold, progressive and just stand yesterday. He introduced a clause for the enfranchisement of women. If politics ever become respectable it will only be when women are admitted to vote and to office. Bravo! Mr. Drake we tender you three times three and a tiger with The Colonist's best wishes for the success of your efforts.

That the type yesterday made Mr. Speaker say "The Kootenay Bill is a private bill." What he did say was, "It is not a private bill."

That the Nanaimo squatters have resolved that the legislature "is corrupt and open to bribery." They have formed a land league and will appeal as a last resort to arms.

Wesley Church Anniversary.

Last evening the anniversary was held at the Wesley Church, Pandora street in aid of the Sabbath schools, commencing at 7:30. There was a very large attendance both of the children, their parents and friends. An excellent tea was served in the basement which having been thoroughly enjoyed, those present, ascended to the church where a spacious platform had been erected across the church near the organ. A very spirited programme was then followed out consisting of readings, recitations and songs by the members of the school who all acquitted themselves admirably. Recitations were given by Miss Bertha Burgess, Josa Spencer, Florence Butler, Bessie Hamilton, Janie Karmode, Violet Luker, Kate Jeffrey, Hethi Morley and Anne Parsons, Eddie Ellis, Nellie Grant, Frank Jewell, Mark Ellis, Joseph Pierre and John Karmode. The recitation by Miss Annie Parsons elicited great and deserved applause for the manner in which it was delivered. Great credit is due this little lady for her distinctness of utterance and the careful study she had evidently given the piece. A duet by Misses Mary and Josa Spencer and Miss Barthwick, a chorus by the school, another chorus by the infant class and a solo by Mrs. Speers were given in a manner that make it quite safe to say that the musical portion of the programme was well executed.

At the conclusion an excellent address was delivered by Mr. Jewell the superintendent of the school, after which this pleasant annual gathering, creditable alike to the pastor, the teachers and the congregation was brought to a close.

BOULTON & MOORE COMBINATION.—This favorite company, having just returned to Victoria, will give a final entertainment on Friday next, 21st inst., at the Philharmonic Hall. Every feature introduced will be select, new and, above all, funny. The price of admission will be 50 cents; reserved seats 75 cents. No charge for booking at T. N. Hibben & Co.'s store. It will be strictly a family entertainment. Go and enjoy yourselves.

MR. T. S. WILSON, principal first violin Victoria Amateur Orchestra, has resumed LESSONS IN VIOLIN PLAYING. Address, Frederick street, Victoria. 2m

Fourth Provincial Legislative Assembly.

SECOND SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 18.

Prayers by the Rev. Coverdale Watson.

Mr. Semlin presented a report from the committee appointed to ascertain the value of land in the Peace river district and on the east coast of Vancouver island. The committee asked for authority to send for persons and papers.

Mr. Semlin said that the authority was necessary in the interests of the inquiry.

Mr. Orr said that Mr. Elmore and a person known as "Nigger Dan" (a laugh) lived in the Peace river district and it would be necessary to send for them as their evidence was valuable.

Mr. Armstrong said there were persons as near as Nanaimo whose evidence was necessary.

Hon. Mr. Smith said a private member was asking for an expenditure of money, which was irregular. If witnesses were called witnesses would have to be paid, and the funds in Mr. Speaker's hands would be altogether inadequate to meet the expenditure proposed by the committee. It was not competent for a private member to move the adoption of the report because it involved a money expenditure.

Mr. Armstrong said the latter part of the report might be left out as the speaker had power to pay witnesses.

Mr. Semlin thought the house should give its opinion as to the propriety of the expenditure.

Mr. Speaker said the chairman of the committee should give two days' notice of a motion for the adoption of the report. Hon. members would then have an opportunity to express their opinion as to the regularity of the notice.

Mr. Galbraith moved that an order of the house be granted for a return specifying—1st. The acreage of land granted under lease to William Baillie-Grohan in the lower Kootenay district; 2nd. The time for which the lease is granted; 3rd. The amount of rent to be paid yearly; 4th. The amount to be expended yearly in reclaiming the land; 5th. The price to be paid to the government for the land so reclaimed. Carried.

Mr. Duck moved for a return of all papers and correspondence between the government and McNamee & Co., or any person in behalf of either, relating to the construction of the contract for the construction of the graving dock on the 28th June, 1882.

Mr. Duck said he had seen the contract only once, and his recollections of it were that it was a very extraordinary piece of paper. He believed the contract had not been cancelled. The work on the dock was continued through 1882 and part of 1883 on account of construction. It was provided in the contract that in case the work was not being satisfactorily performed the government might step in and complete the dock for the contractors and in case of any surplus remaining on hand after the completion of the dock it was to be paid to the contractors. The late government stepped in and took possession of the dock works, but they did not finish it. Under the terms of the contract the government became partners with McNamee & Co. It was they, then, that were in default and not the contractors. If the dock had been pushed ahead rapidly and economically who would say that there would not have been a surplus when the dock was completed? He did not think the contract could have been cancelled or that the government had fulfilled their part of the agreement.

Seconded by Mr. John. Mr. T. Davis said that if it was shown that the late government made themselves partners in the late contract they discovered what the evidence was amounting to a knowledge of the fact that the late government were parties in the transfer of the contract to local parties (Mr. Beaven—"No.") The hon. mover was not a man who spoke at random and there was probably truth in what he said.

Hon. Mr. Smith said that if the position taken by Mr. Duck was correct the late government had made themselves liable to the contractors to complete the work. The present government took a different view of the matter and the Dominion government took the same view as the present government of the province did. The late Chief Commissioner had charged work done on the dock to the McNamee contract and had forwarded vouchers to Ottawa for payment under that contract. These vouchers were, however, returned dishonored, the Dominion government refusing to pay for what was charged against a defunct contract when the work was being really carried on by day labor by the government. Under the arrangement which Mr. Beaven was endeavoring to carry out no material could be charged to the Dominion government; all the cement and bricks and stone and other material were paid for by the Province and Mr. Beaven did not even ask for a refund from the Dominion. The present government, however, treating the contract as cancelled sent in vouchers for everything and got the money amounting to \$120,000, while the comparatively small amount of \$30,000 asked to be refunded by Mr. Beaven under the contract was refused and the vouchers returned by the Dominion government. The late government had put the province in a very awkward position. The taking over of the work was a cancellation of the contract, and was treated as such by this province.

Mr. Beaven said the work was carried on by the late government under the contract which was not cancelled by that government. He had not been a party to the taking over of the contract from McNamee & Co. by local contractors. He knew nothing about the transfer except by report. If the late Chief Commissioner was a party to it that would not affect the government, because an act must be collective to bind a whole government.

Mr. Davis quoted from evidence of the late Johnstone Robertson to show that arrangements for the transfer were commenced in Mr. Walkem's private office and that the parties were advised by Mr. Walkem to go to Mr. A. R. Robertson's office to complete the terms. Mr. Walkem's evidence (which was read) showed that he knew all about the transaction.

Mr. Duck said he had no intention of saying that the government were partners with McNamee & Co. in the contract, but in taking the work over they had assumed a liability to complete it for the contractors.

The resolution was passed.

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

Hon. Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Beaven, moved that a committee be appointed to draft an address of welcome to His Excellency the Governor-General. Carried.

MUNICIPALITY ACT.

This bill came up for adoption of report.

Mr. Beaven suggested that the bill be

recommitted so as to allow such persons as were qualified to vote at the last election to vote at the coming election on payment of the road tax ten days previous to the day of election.

Mr. T. Davis said he had every desire to make the amendment acceptable to the public at large and he had no desire to permit non-residents to vote by merely paying the road tax. He disclaimed any such intention. The object of the bill was to prevent a large and respectable class of residents from being disfranchised. He would not object to the recommitment of the bill with a view to guarding against strangers who merely paid a road tax voting.

The bill was then recommitted Mr. Raybould in the chair.

After a lengthy discussion, on motion of Mr. Beaven, the bill was amended to read that any person who was rated on the road tax assessment list of Victoria for 1882, and who was qualified to vote at the election in January, 1883, is entitled to vote at election in January, 1884, provided he has paid both road tax and water rate (if any) ten days previous to the election in the month of January, 1884.

On motion of Mr. Orr the voters' list for January is to remain as the list for any election held during the year.

KOOTENAY.

Hon. Mr. Davis moved the second reading of this bill.

Mr. Armstrong said that it was reported that the contemplated railway to be built by the promoters had been ascertained by Messrs. Sprout and Farwell to be only 15 miles instead of 45 miles in length, as was stated last year. He moved a postponement until further information or the report of those gentlemen had been laid before the house.

Mr. Allen did not wish to see this bill forced through the house.

Hon. Mr. Davis said that this was not an attempt to force the bill through the house. The government had no such information as that mentioned by the member for New Westminster. In fact, there was no such thing.

Mr. Orr objected to the bill.

Mr. Dunsmeuir said these alterations were in favor of the country and were exactly what honorable gentlemen wanted last session.

Mr. T. Davis said he understood if the alterations were not made the Dominion Government would disallow the bill. If the report of Messrs. Sprout and Farwell would show that the railway was only 15 miles long the report should be laid before the house. The government could have no objection in pressing the bill through the house.

Hon. Mr. Smith said that the bill of last session would not be disallowed at Ottawa; but Sir Alexander Campbell having learned that there was considerable opposition to that bill because there was no provision which compelled the company to bring their freight through British Columbia, suggested the insertion of clause 1 of the present bill. This clause was moved last session he believed, by the junior member for Yale and withdrawn. This government could not prevent any company from placing boats on the lakes and rivers and this company could have placed boats on the Kootenay and Columbia rivers without asking authority from the legislature. They had chosen, however, to ask for certain privileges on condition, among other things, of running steamers on the Kootenay waters, and this clause would have the effect of preventing them enjoying a right they would otherwise have had had the clause passed. All the privileges conceded to the company would be forfeited if they operated their steamers between British territory and the territory of the United States.

Clause 2 of the bill was intended to prevent the company taking certain lands which might be reclaimed and made valuable by the operation of the parties. Last session a clause was known about the Kootenay country that it was thought that the placing of the initial point of the reserve fifteen miles from the frontier line would be ample to prevent any of the marsh lands falling to the company. Now, however, it was found that the marsh extended a distance of at least twenty miles from the boundary, and it was desirable to place beyond peradventure the possibility of these marsh lands when reclaimed falling to the Kootenay Railway Co.

There was no intention to force the bill through and the second reading might be postponed till after the adjournment, which it was now proposed to take and in the meantime the report of the commissioners would be placed before the members for perusal. He, therefore, moved the adjournment of the debate.

Mr. Galbraith said no two authorities agreed as to the boundary line. The length of the railway was only stated approximately last session, but he believed the hon. member for New Westminster was wild in his statement.

Mr. Martin said that his resolution of last session went further than this bill. His resolution required the company to connect their railway with the Canadian Pacific railway.

Mr. Wilson said the first clause was probably intended to get over a constitutional objection and the second clause had better be postponed until after the report of this commissioners was before the house.

Mr. Dunsmeuir was present when Sir Alexander Campbell pressed these first clauses on the promoters so as to satisfy the opponents of the measure.

Mr. Allen asked if the promoters were not allowed to run the ore, etc., to foreign countries, would other companies be allowed to do so?

Mr. Smith—We have no power over any steamboat company.

Mr. Allen—Then this bill is a farce.

Hon. Mr. Robson said by the passage of this bill last year we had acquired a lever to use on these parties which without the bill we could not have obtained.

Mr. Semlin was afraid the house was exceeding its power. Were we not regulating trade and commerce, which ought to be regulated by the Dominion? If we could constitutionally pass the amendments he would be glad to do it; but could we do so?

Hon. Mr. Davis said that under the British North America the province had no power to charter steamships to run between this and a foreign country. This bill did not interfere in any way with trade and commerce.

The debate was then adjourned till the next sitting of the house.

Hon. Mr. Smith moved that the house at its rising stand adjourned till the 7th January, 1884.

In answer to enquiries the premier said the session would probably not extend beyond the end of January (cheers).

Mr. Galbraith referred to previous sessions when the mainland members were compelled to remain until midsummer.

Mr. Dingwall said that there were so many doughfaces in the house that they would require till the 7th of January to get over their doughfacedness (laughter). The resolution was passed.

ROYAL ASSENT.

At 25 minutes to 4 o'clock His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor entered the chamber and assented to The Municipality Amendment Bill, and The Settlement Bill.

SEIGHS.

On motion of Mr. Wilson the bill to amend the "Sleigh Regulation Act, 1883," so as not to apply to that portion of the wagon road between Stanley and Barkerville, was read a second time and committed. Mr. Semlin in the chair.

The bill was moved second reading of an Act to amend the Qualification and Registration of Voters Act. The amendment was introduced to remedy the existing act which disqualified an elector from voting if he had changed his residence or profession and omitted to cause the fact to be notified on the voter's roll. The injustice of this enactment was so manifest that no member would probably attempt to dispute the necessity for this amendment.

Mr. Drake said the present act had led to a great deal of trouble and annoyance to electors (hear, hear), and he thought the amendment proposed highly necessary. He would like to see the act still further amended so as to enable the fair sex to equally exercise the right of franchise with their sterner comrades. (Immense enthusiasm.) The change proposed would be a radical one, but why should it not take place? He presumed that the women of a country took an equal interest with men in its welfare and it was but just and right they should have a voice in its fit and proper government. When the bill went into committee he would move that a clause be inserted enabling women to vote (hear).

The house then went into committee. Mr. Galbraith in the chair.

CLAUSE 1 PASSED.

Mr. Drake moved, in amendment, that section 2 be amended by striking out the word "male" wherever it occurred and substituting the word "person."

Mr. Pooley thought that this was a matter to which some local deliberation should be given. He did not say he was going to oppose the amendment, but the changes involved would be so sweeping that the importance of the question was such as to call for due notice being given. It was the first time the subject had been brought before this legislature and he for his part was not prepared to deal with it so hastily. If the amendment was pressed he would move that the committee rise and report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Semlin said that while agreeing with the member for Esquimalt that a measure of this kind should not be hastily passed through the house, still it could not be said that it was now brought for the first time. He remembered the matter having been brought before the house as long as twelve years ago although no change was made.

Mr. Drake conceded that it would be advisable perhaps to postpone the discussion. He sincerely hoped, however, that the house would sanction the amendment and show that it kept up with the times and represented progressive legislation. The president of the council having agreed to defer his amendment, Mr. Pooley's proposed motion was rendered unnecessary.

SECTIONS 2 AND 3 PASSED.

Committee rose and reported progress and asked leave to sit again at next meeting of the house. Granted.

House adjourned until January 7th, 1884.

NOTICES.

Mr. Duck to move—That this house resolve itself into a committee of the whole for the purpose of devising the best means to be adopted for the better administration of intestate estates.

Mr. Semlin to move—The adoption of the report of the committee appointed to enquire into the value of the lands transferred to the Dominion government in the Peace river country and on the east coast of Vancouver Island.

Mr. Orr to move—That the report of the commissioner appointed to enquire into the working of the asylum for the insane and the Royal Columbian hospital at New Westminster be printed and laid before the house.

Mr. Orr—to ask if it is the intention of the government to alter the Constitution Act and give the districts of New Westminster and Yale an additional member.

Notice of motion proposed by Mr. Drake to add a clause to bill 4, That section 2 of the Qualification and Registration of Voters Act, 1876, is hereby amended by striking out the word male in the second line and inserting the word "person."

Mr. Raybould—to ask leave to introduce a bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1877.

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The exercises of the morning were on the work done during the half year, consisting of the usual branches of an English education, together with Latin and mathematics.

The pupils exhibited very satisfactory progress and had evidently responded to the labors of their teachers during the half year. The number of pupils in the junior department under Mr. Offerhaus is 35, and in the senior department under Mr. MacLoughlin 19.

AFTERNOON.

The afternoon proceedings commenced with the boys being put through their drill in the school grounds by Mr. Offerhaus. This is a very useful portion of the programme and was fairly executed, Mr. Offerhaus causing some amusement by the lively manner in which he went for the raw recruits.

About 2 o'clock the pupils assembled in the school room and there were quite a number of visitors present, among whom were observed: Capt. Cleasente, Mrs. Clements, Miss Cowper, Miss Storey, Miss Gowler, Misses Fox, Miss Jackson, Miss Cameron, Miss Holloway, Mrs. McClure, Mr. J. H. Thain, Mr. W. Haynes, Mrs. Muir, Mrs. Sinclair, Mrs. Carmichael, Miss Dickson, Mrs. Caldwell, Mrs. C. M. Chambers.

Messrs. C. M. Chambers and W. A. Robertson, trustees, were also present.

The examination of the morning was continued for a short space by some exercises in Euclid and algebra; after which the more entertaining proceedings commenced by singing an opening song.

The pupils next read individually various pieces from the reader in prose and poetry. The reading was very good, showing that due care had been bestowed upon this important accomplishment.

A trio was sung by Miss Lakin, Miss G. Storey and Mr. Offerhaus accompanied on the organ by Miss Carmichael.

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